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ENABLING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF MAUI, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, TO ISSUE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC-SCHOOL BUILDINGS

MAY 21 (legislative day, MAY 12), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. O'MAHONEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5072]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5072) to enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui, Territory of Hawaii, to issue public improvement bonds for the construction of new public-school buildings, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $1,000,000 by the county of Maui for the construction of new public-school buildings. In its memorial to Congress, the Legislature of Hawaii pointed out the very great growth of population of school age during the past 15 years in the county of Maui. During the war years it was not possible to expand old facilities or to construct new ones.

No expenditure of Federal funds is required. Congressional approval is necessary because this amount of bonds would exceed the debt limitation of 5 percent of the assessed valuation of property as prescribed by the Organic Act of Hawaii.

The Department of the Interior has favorably reported on this bill, and advises that the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of the report. The Interior Department report to the chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is hereinbelow set forth in full and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington 25, D. C., December 28, 1951.

Hon. JOHN R. MURDOCK,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. MURDOCK: Further reference is made to your request for the Department's views on H. R. 5072, a bill to enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui, Territory of Hawaii, to issue public improvement bonds for the construction of new public-school buildings.

I recommend that this bill be enacted.

H. R. 5072 would ratify and confirm that portion of Joint Resolution 20, enacted by the 1951 regular session of the Territory of Hawaii, which authorizes the county of Maui, a municipal corporation of the Territory of Hawaii, to issue general-obligation bonds in the sum of $1,000,000 for the purpose of providing additional public-school facilities in that county. Congressional approval is required since such an amount of bonds, if included in the outstanding indebtedness of the county, would exceed the debt limitation of 5 percent of the assessed valuation of property in the county of Maui prescribed by section 55 of the Organic Act of Hawaii (48 U. S. C., 1946 ed., sec. 562). Consistent with the national pattern, the county of Maui is years in arrears in providing adequate school-building facilities for its children. Enactment of this legislation is essential in order to meet an urgent need for additional school-building facilities to care adequately for an expanding school-age population in the county.

The Legislature of Hawaii by joint resolution has requested enactment of legislation similar to H. R. 5072.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

DALE E. DOTY,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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